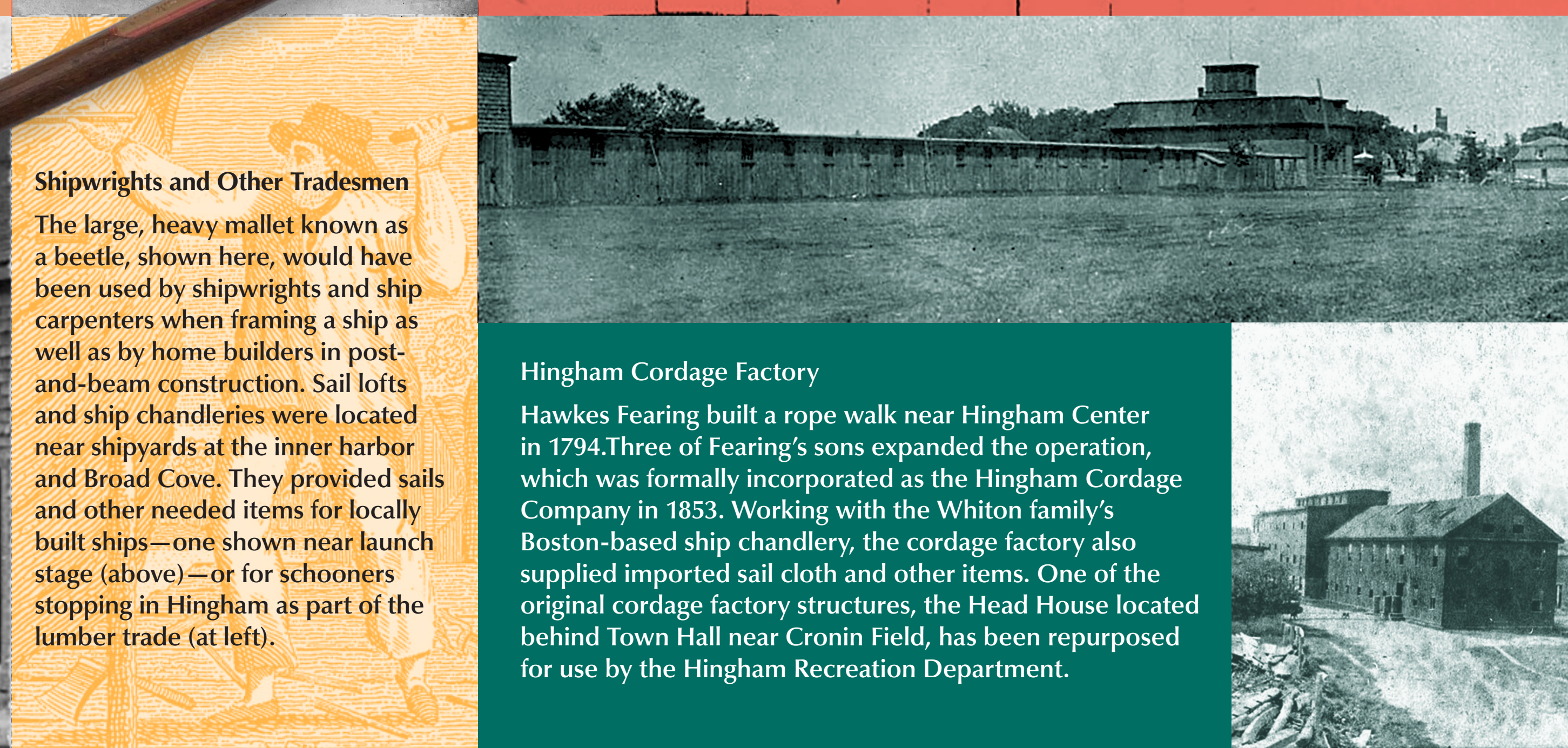


Wooden sailing ships were built at inner harbor shipyards in the 17th through 19th century using expertise and resources found throughout the town of Hingham. The book *Hingham Old and New*, written for the town's tercentenary in 1935, describes this scene, circa 1800:

A black and white photograph of a lumber yard. In the foreground, there are large stacks of cut lumber. In the background, a two-masted sailing ship is docked. To the right, a wooden building with a shingled roof is visible, with a large wooden beam resting against it.

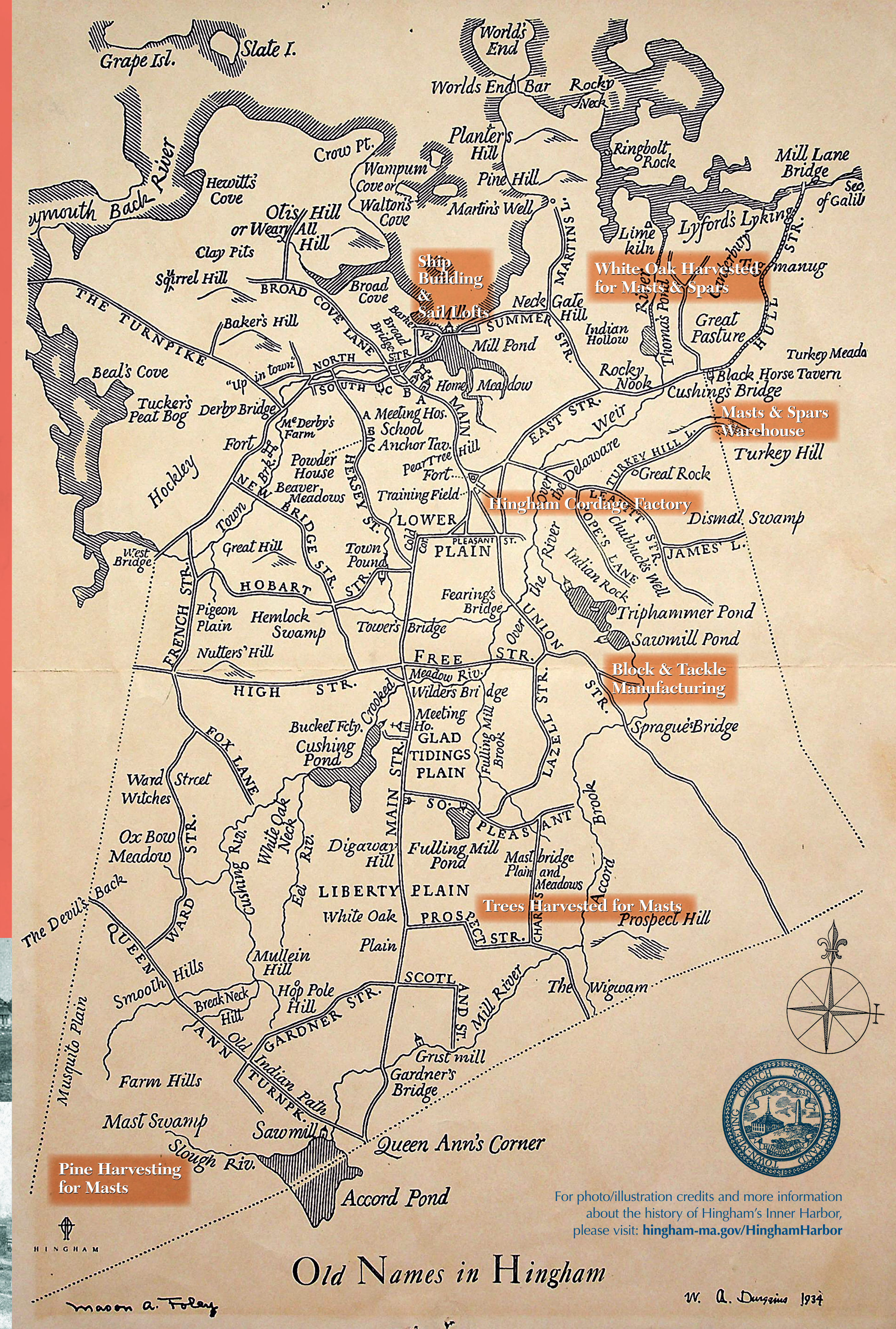


Shipwrights and Other Tradesmen

The large, heavy mallet known as a beetle, shown here, would have been used by shipwrights and ship carpenters when framing a ship as well as by home builders in post-and-beam construction. Sail lofts and ship chandleries were located near shipyards at the inner harbor and Broad Cove. They provided sails and other needed items for locally built ships—one shown near launch stage (above)—or for schooners stopping in Hingham as part of the lumber trade (at left).

Hingham Cordage Factory

Hawkes Fearing built a rope walk near Hingham Center in 1794. Three of Fearing's sons expanded the operation, which was formally incorporated as the Hingham Cordage Company in 1853. Working with the Whiton family's Boston-based ship chandlery, the cordage factory also supplied imported sail cloth and other items. One of the original cordage factory structures, the Head House located behind Town Hall near Cronin Field, has been repurposed for use by the Hingham Recreation Department.



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